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In re Application of: Manabu SAITO, et al.)
U.S. Application No.: 10/749,392) Confirmation No.: 9164
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For: SHEET DISCHARGE DEVICE AND SHEET) Examiner: T. Morrison
PROCESSING DEVICE USING THE SAME)

The Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated January 6, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-15), Group II (claims 16-20) and Group 3 (claim 21). Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-15) for examination. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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